Leathes, John Beresford

Aug 1914 - March 1915

Upwick 403

Aug 19. 14

Albury

Much Hadham

Herts.

Dear Sir President

I was hoping that I might have been able to meet you to talk over a situation that may possibly arise connected with myself.

The vice Chancellor of the University of Sheffield recently approached me with regard to the chair of Physiology there, backed as I understand by the whole of the Medical Faculty.

The Council which makes appointments does not meet till October, so that nothing but what is of a preliminary & unofficial nature has as yet passed: & in the general disorganization due to the war, no one can say what the council may decide to do when it meets. But in these preliminaries it has been my part to consider what I should do supposing they lead to a definite invitation. And I feel that I should wish to let you know frankly how I stand in the matter even though nothing may & before anything does come of it.

Aug 26.14

406

Ipswich
Albury
Much Hadham
Herts

Dear Mr President

In case I may be
in time to catch the boat
on which you sail I shall
send this to Liverpool to
assure you that I will
bear in mind all you say
to me on behalf of the
students who have entered
on their course, and I think

I can promise you that
whatever may happen they
shall not suffer.

I will write to or see
the vice chancellor of Sheffield
University upon the point
that you raise. And I will
collect all such unofficial
information as I can that
might be useful should the
vacancy occur. I have
already had the answer to

one of the letters I wrote
& it is I think satisfactory

I hope you will have
a safe & comfortable
voyage & that when you
land there may be better
news from France - It can
hardly fail to be momentous.

With very kind regards
in which my wife joins to
you & Mrs Falconer

Yours sincerely
JB Leathes

It is a question with many complications for me as you can guess. But an important factor is the fact that the Vice Chancellor Herbert Fisher is an old intimate school & college friend of mine, & I have given him to understand that I should accept such an invitation.

I have of course told none of my Toronto colleagues, — there is nothing as yet to tell them. But as I say I would rather you knew what has passed, & I wish I could have spoken rather than have written about it in the first instance

as I could have said so much more, especialy of all that I should feel at leaving Toronto.

I told the Vice Chancellor that in any case it would be impossible for me to take up duties at Sheffield till after X-mas.

We have at present decided to leave Margaret at school here, & so long as there is war I think my wife will stay in England to be near her. I am arranging to stay a little longer in case any further change of her plans might become necessary and am trying to get on the Ranoma to Boston on the 15th. Yours sincerely
J B Leathes

September 25th, 1914

Professor J. B. Leathes,

University of Toronto.

Dear Professor Leathes:

You may take Richardson on as a substitute for Husband at once, and I will see that this is put through at the next meeting of the Board. He should understand definitely that he only is a substitute and that on Husband's return he will have to yield the place to him.

I also think it reasonable that you should give Mrs. Davis five dollars a week.

Yours sincerely,

President.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
PROFESSOR J. B. LEATHES,
DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY,
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

401

Sept 30 - 14

Dear Mr President

I have spoken to Dr Imrie who will be glad if I recommend him to be appointed lecturer in Pathological chemistry on the staff of the Department; this I accordingly wish to do. It as I suggested his salary is fixed at $1500, since in the appropriation for the year $2000 was put down for this post, that with effect a reduction of $500 on the expenditure for the year.

I am confident as I said that Dr Imrie will do the work conscientiously & efficiently. I spoke to Dr Clarke of this & he approved

Yours sincerely
J B Leathes

March 2nd, 1915

Professor J. H. Leathes,

University of Sheffield.

My dear Professor Leathes:

I am glad to get your letter. The Bursar informs me that he sent acknowledgment to his letter late Dec. to your account as requested. He also says that by inquiry he can just make from the bank to learn that they are in receipt of a letter from you asking that the credit be transmitted to Sheffield, and that they are attending to it at immediately. I have therefore that matter is now clearer up.

I am glad to hear that you like the appointment in Sheffield as pleasant. I had not thought of Sheffield as having such beautiful surroundings. If they are as pleasant at this time of the year you will enjoy that much more when the summer comes.

Peter has settled down to work, and I think has made a good impression. He is rather shy naturally; two factors in his favour. However, we shall miss you for a long time. You will be glad to know that in looking over the M.S. we have just got another in Melrose, so that our numbers is back why really the same, but we have had a sad loss in the sudden death of Stevenson, which took place a week ago leaving a vacancy which will be extremely difficult to fill. Mrs. Stevenson intends to do some more very long.

The winter has been upset in many ways, but we have done a good deal for the army, I think. The last move is the manning

of a hospital of 1040 beds for the front. The offer has been accepted by the Government, and we are to choose the men from our staff, and they are to be ready to leave in a little over a month. It is quite an undertaking, and will deplete our teaching staff for next winter, but we must do the best we can.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

2 Manchester Road
Sheffield.

March 18. 15

330

Dear Sir President

Thank you very much for your letter. I feel I have to apologize very sincerely for troubl-ing you about the matter of the payment made to my account on Dec 16. I purposely did not close my account before leaving, but left instructions that they should send the usual monthly statement at the end of December here. This they did not do till I wrote for it about the end of January & when it came it was made up in the usual way, but this pay-ment was not included. Why

they made this mistake I cannot
understand. I made out a cheque for
my balance & told them I was closing
my account & at the same time I
wrote to you - Now they have sent
me, without explanation, another
statement of my account to the end
of December & a draft for the sum
that had been omitted.

I am sorry to go into such detail
but I feel that my former letter
may not have been, in fact could
not have been a satisfactory
explanation of itself.

I am very glad to hear that
Hunter is doing well: I knew he
would himself like the place,
I am glad to find he also suits it
as I thought he probably would.

I am very much interested too to
hear of the hospital for the front
manned by your Toronto men It is
splendid. I do hope I may see some
thing of some of them on their
way out or back. If you have an
opportunity it would be a great kind
ness if you would tell any who
would not have yet forgotten me
how much I should like to see them

What you tell me of Stevenson
is terribly sad news - I did not know
Mrs Stevenson but I saw a good
deal of him that winter when he
was out alone & got to like & admire
him very much - I know what a
loss he will be.

This is the first letter I have written
in the house we are just settling into
which I suppose we shall soon come

to regard as a home, now that
Margaret is shortly to join us here
for her Easter holidays.

My wife's friends in Toronto make
me jealous; they are much better
correspondents than my own. And it
is nearly two years since she left
But I expect most of my friends are
taken up with the hospital for the
post & have even less time for
writing letters than I.

My wife asks to be remembered
very kindly to Mrs Falconer &
yourself

Yours sincerely
J B Leathes